

Lighting for Safety

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Exterior-Lighting

- Good lighting is a deterrent to crime
- Allows homeowner to see pathway they take from vehicle to the house
- Effective lighting also forces the intruder to work in an area where he/she may be exposed and reported to the police



Around the House

- All sides should be protected by security lighting that is located high out of reach and is vandal resistant.
- Best place- under eaves of the house
- Each door should be lighted
- Carports and Garages- critical
- Light controls-should be automatically controlled by photocell-(automatically go on as the sun goes down)



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- Motion Lighting is strongly encouraged, particularly in areas where lighting may be considered intrusive to neighbors
- The sudden light startles the intruder, leaving him/her exposed to view
- The light also provides a friendly means to light pathways for homeowner

